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H.R. No. 747

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On January 11, 2003, residents of Midland lost a
2 beloved friend, neighbor, and community leader with the passing of
3 Samuel Harrill at the age of 79; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of North Carolina, Mr. Harrill was born in
5 Forest City on April 23, 1923; he attended Brevard College and was
6 selected to attend officer candidate school at Notre Dame
7 University, from which he graduated in 1942; and

8 WHEREAS, After completing his military service aboard the USS
9 *Topeka* during World War II, he earned a bachelor's degree in
10 mechanical engineering from Oklahoma State University at
11 Stillwater and embarked on a career as a petroleum engineer with
12 Humble Oil and Refinery; during his tenure with the company, he
13 lived and worked in Kingsville, Houston, Midland, Hobbs, New
14 Mexico, and Monahans before returning to Midland and retiring in
15 1985; and

16 WHEREAS, In retirement, Mr. Harrill gave generously of his
17 time and talents in support of a host of worthwhile community
18 organizations, including the Permian Basin Girl Scout Council, the
19 Optimist Club, Hospice of Midland, Big Brothers Big Sisters,
20 Christmas in Action, and Presbyterian Ministries; and

21 WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman was also an avid supporter
22 of Midland Habitat for Humanity; in addition to serving on the
23 organization's board and assisting in the construction of homes for
24 those less fortunate, he worked hard in behalf of its resale shop by

1 helping in the store, making donation pickups, and, when he could no
2 longer contribute physically, donating his truck to the store so
3 that others could continue providing this essential service; and

4 WHEREAS, A tireless volunteer, generous philanthropist, and
5 devoted family man, Samuel Harrill will long be missed and
6 remembered by all who were privileged to know him; now, therefore,
7 be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Samuel Harrill and
10 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
11 Marie; to his son, Sam Harrill, Jr.; to his daughters and
12 sons-in-law, Karen and Todd Burkey and Robbye Harrill and John
13 Baker; to his grandson, Sean Travis Potter; to his stepchildren,
14 Janet Porter and Virgil Davenport; to his step-grandchildren,
15 Joanna Porter and Jeff Mullinax; to his step-great-grandson, Dalton
16 Mullinax; to his brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Martha
17 Harrill; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Samuel
22 Harrill.